Secretary level talks on Siachen

†387. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Secretary level talk was held between India and Pakistan on 22nd May, 2005 for continuation of ceasefire being maintained for the last one and half year and maintaining of *status quo* in the near future in Siachen glacier;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the success achieved through talk?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMMED): (a) to (c) The Defence Secretaries level talks between Pakistan and India to discuss Siachen Issue under the Composite Dialogue Framework were held in Islamabad on 26-27 May 2005. Both sides expressed satisfaction at the ceasefire currently in place since November 2003 and agreed to its continuation. The two Defence Secretaries agreed to continue with their discussions to resolve the Siachen issue in a peaceful manner.

India's position on the Siachen issue is that authentication of the presently held positions has to be the first step before any redeployment of troops is considered.

Inflow of terrorists across border

388. SHRI JANARDAN DWIVEDI:
SHRI MOTILAL VORA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the reduction in inflow of terrorists across border after initiation of peace process;

(b) whether Government have held any talks with the Government of Pakistan to check this completely; and

(c) if so, the reaction of the Government of Pakistan thereto?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.